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**GUILTY PLEA IN ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE MURDER**

**Greenbelt, Maryland** - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Robin Caroline Chaney age 37, of Manassas, Virginia, pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow to second degree murder of Air Force Lieutenant Jennifer Gardine and agreed to be sentenced to 39 years imprisonment.

In a statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement, Chaney admitted that on November 26, 2001 she beat and stabbed Lt. Gardine to death in the kitchen of Lt. Gardine's home on Andrews Air Force Base. After stabbing Lt. Gardine four times, Chaney took Lt. Gardine's infant son from the home and walked to her nearby car. Passersby ensured Chaney did not leave the scene, as she had blood on her arms and hands. Chaney planted a fake suicide note at the scene of the murder and provided false statements to FBI investigators. Chaney acknowledged that she was emotionally distraught at the time of the killing because shortly before the murder, a man romantically linked to both

Chaney and Lt. Gardine had announced his intention of ending his relationship with Chaney in order to better care for Lt. Gardine's son.

The sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 7, 2003.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James M. Trusty and Donna C. Sanger.